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Attorney Kirk Lyons (left, back in the 1990s), today a prominent legal activist, helped get Andreas Strassmeir (center) out of the country during the time he was wanted for questioning by federal agents in connection to the Oklahoma City bombing. On the right is a police sketch of John Doe #2, whom many think looks like Strassmeir.

Latest Book on OKC a Must-Read

• Authors agree Andreas Strassmeir the key to unraveling truth

By Michael Collins Piper

The Oklahoma City (OKC) bombing was eclipsed by 9-11, but the OKC affair was followed by years of independent inquiries by diligent researchers convinced (and rightly so) that the U.S. government covered up what really happened in America's heartland.

Although dissident assessments of OKC received attention in the "patriot" movement, one thing about them is consistent: All have distinctly differing theories. Some blame the FBI and some the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BAFTE). Others finger "Bill Clinton and the New World Order," or a combination thereof. But none mention the possibility that the domestic OKC conspiracy was ultimately manipulated by Israel's intelligence service, the Mossad.

*The Judas Goats** explored often-ignored details relating to Tim McVeigh and his associates pointing toward this controversial likelihood. But most researchers avoid this data. It's easier to say: "The U.S. government did it to set up a police state." But you'll notice no police state emerged in the wake of OKC.

Did Israel orchestrate OKC trying to frame former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein for the crime so as to force Clinton to wage war against Iraq? In fact, energetic efforts were made to link McVeigh to Saddam. But Clinton wouldn't go along with the program and ordered the FBI to opt for a "lone nut" explanation. Next time, with 9-11, Israel achieved its goal. But after OKC, there was a big cover-up going on.

Now a new book, entitled *Oklahoma City: What the Investigation Missed — and Why It Still Matters*, comes probably as close as any from a mainstream publisher ever will to hinting the Mossad had a link to OKC.

The authors — Andrew Gumbel, a distinguished British journalist, and former Marine Lt. Col. Roger Charles — will probably cringe if they read this assessment of their findings, but it is on the mark.

Charles is interesting. A producer on some of ABC's OKC coverage, he also worked with the late independent OKC investigator John Cash and with McVeigh's defense team. He and Cash separately visited *The Spotlight* newspaper to find out what our team knew about the mysterious German, Andreas Strassmeir, whose murky activities linked to McVeigh are — as the book makes clear — a key to understanding OKC.

McVeigh himself told his prison cell mate, as later revealed, that *The Spotlight*'s reporting on Strassmeir was on target. While the book will disappoint, even disgust, many who devoted study to OKC, churning over minutiae perceived as "evidence" of a conspiracy, the book is "must" reading exactly because it explodes myths surrounding OKC that many patriots think are "gotcha" items proving a cover-up. As in the JFK assassination and in 9-11, there are a lot of popular (now legendary) theories founded in misunderstanding, then passed along by word of mouth and from one book to another, which are now carved in stone in conspiracy lore.

Many well-meaning sleuths contributed to this state of affairs, and the authors do a service setting the record straight. They will upset some folks, but the truth counts, no matter whose feelings are hurt.

However, the book does prove there was a lot of outright cover-up and corruption — and incompetence — that led to the outrageously falsified U.S. government explanation of OKC.

The authors only go so far as to suggest that still-hidden strands of the OKC conspiracy connect to a gang of bank robbers motivated by their goal of a "white revolution." But it's obvious the U.S. government has been determined to suppress all of this since its tentacles could lead toward a realm the government prefers to avoid.

In short, while the authors don't say it, the truth is — as *The Spotlight* demonstrated in its groundbreaking OKC coverage — pursuing the "white racist" connection would lead directly to the Anti- Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith and the Southern Poverty Law Center, both of which were in control of or monitoring individuals surrounding McVeigh. One of the controlled individuals was the aforementioned Strassmeir who postured as a "white separatist" but was, as the authors make clear, an intelligence informant protected at the highest levels.

The government did not pursue Strassmeir precisely because he was a direct link to Israeli intelligence, of which the ADL is an American conduit and which often operates on a strategic level with the SPLC that — evidence shows — was utilizing Strassmeir as one of its agents. The authors outlined Strassmeir's Israeli connections:

> There were things about Andreas Strassmeir that his friends in the revolutionary patriot movement did not know and would have been intrigued, or appalled, to find out. Despite his pedigree as the grandson of a Nazi, he was fascinated by Israel and spent three summers on a kibbutz in the Jezreel Valley, near the Golan Heights. He had enrolled in Hebrew classes as a teenager in Berlin, and spoke the language fluently.
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> During his second stint at the kibbutz, he was given an Uzi and put on security detail; during his third, he was sent on patrol on the Green Line between Israel and the West Bank, a job usually reserved for the military. When he was asked in an interview if he had worn an Israeli Defense Force uniform, Strassmeir's expression changed noticeably and he broke into an embarrassed smile before insisting he had gone out in jeans.
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> Strassmeir acknowledged that he "bumped into" General Rafael Eitan, the architect of the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon — an encounter captured in a photograph of them at Golan Beach, near Lake Galilee. And he did not explicitly deny that he had contact with the Mossad, the Israeli security service . . . .
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> Strassmeir was a German army officer by then, and his career took an interesting turn when he returned home: he was seconded to intelligence work. . . . [His] infantry battalion now used him to sniff out East German informants and spies. At some stage, Strassmeir was asked to fill in as the head of the battalion's intelligence unit, which gave him access to the army's internal reports.
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> This history strongly suggests that Strassmeir was not the radical right-winger he appeared to be, and might even have been a government agent of some sort, spying on extremists in the United States. . . .
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> Who might he have worked for? The Germans were certainly interested in intelligence on American radicals, because they worried that money and propaganda materials from the United States were fueling neo-nazi violence at home. The Israelis were interested, too.

Despite all this, perhaps litigation conscious, the authors court the good will of Strassmeir's close friend and attorney, Kirk Lyons, wrapping up their eye-opening account of Strassmeir's Israeli ventures by parroting Lyons's claim that "Andi" was just a lazy kid they called "Sofa-meir," because he was always "sacked out." Yet one of Lyon's backers came up with an overnight express of $6,000 cash to help Lyons spirit Strassmeir out of the country when government investigators initially looked in his direction. What do you think?

These are some highlights of this fascinating 439-page book available from American Free Press. Don't miss it. You may not like everything you read, but you'll learn a lot.

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